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Mr Harold C. Burr
9 Rockefeller Plaza
New York City N.Y.

Dear Mr Burr:

I wonder if you are surprised to hear from me. After all the baseball season is getting under way, and I guess you are not too surprised.

I am writing to ask you to do something for me. If it can be done I am sure you will be able to, and I will be glad to pay you well for your help.

I have made it a custom alway to have an outstanding Negro, preferably an athlete, throw out the first ball. We had Henry Armstrong one year, J. hnnie Borican one, and Joe Louis was to do it last year, and Blackburn died a few days before.

This year the popular here amongst the Negros is Beau Jack. If we could arrange to have him here it would be grand. We fill the park on opening day, and turn away thousands. They are almost all colored people. I know Beau Jack would enjoy the crowd, and they would have a fix over seeing him. We could arrange for police escort for him from The Holland Tunnel exit, if he wanted it, to the ballpark.

I am writing you because I believe you know him very well, and you could tell him the type person I am. The opening day is Sunday May 16th, we play at Ruppert Stadium Newark N.Jersey.

I will greatly appreciate your cooperation, and will be looking to hear from you soon.

Very Truly Yours